

CHOICE CHIPS

FROM OUR CAPITOL COLLECTION.

That Was Done by the Various Committees of the
Senate and House Yesterday--Still Ma
ping Out Legislation for the
Able Statesmen.

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, introduced a joint resolution in the House for the payment of a portion of Virginia Indemnity fund to the mother of General Lee.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has agreed to report back the nomination of ex-Senator Charles McNair, of Ohio, as ambassador to Belgium. It was also recommended that it be confirmed.

A bill for the relief of John C. Lewis, made an argument before the House Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures yesterday morning in support of his application for a full pardon.

The House Committee on Ways and Means has agreed not to insist upon the consideration by the House of the tariff-commission bill until after the adjournment of Congress next week.

Mr. Wadsworth, of Wisconsin, on Wednesday introduced a bill in the House to establish a board of review of pension and bounty land warrant claims which have been disallowed and to prevent their being again considered.

The House Committee on Military Affairs had under consideration yesterday morning the submission of a memorial from the veterans of the Franco-German war before the committee and gave five views, and General Sherman answered in the day.

It was expected that the bill would pass tomorrow preparing to report the passage of the bill to tax

The House Committee on Education and Labor have decided to make an adverse report to the House upon the bill which had been referred to them providing for the disposition of unclaimed bounty money due colored soldiers by applying it to the support of certain colored institutions in the

We see the name of Major Richard F. Walker mentioned as among the probable candidates for government Printer at Washington when Mr. Deffers resigns. If Major Walker carries into that office the honest and economical administration that has marked his career as State printer of Virginia we will have heard the last of charges of extravagance and fraud in the national printing.—*Stanton Vindicator*.

The House Committee on Mines and Mining have agreed to report to the House a substitute for the bill which excludes Alabama from the provisions of the act which allows certain mineral lands to be disposed of as agricultural lands. The substitute proposes to include Alabama in the operation of the act. The committee also agreed to report to the House favorably a bill to prevent any but the owner of a mining claim from cutting timber on said claim.

The Senate Committee on Pensions has appointed a subcommittee consisting of Senators Miller, Platt, and Jackson, who with Representatives Brown, Rice, and McMillin, of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, are to confer with the Adjutant-General and Surgeon-General of the Army and the Commissioner of Pensions, with a view to recommending some method of expediting the adjudication of pension claims now awaiting settlement in the Pension Office.

The Supreme Court of the United States resembled Tuesday for the transaction of business after its four weeks' recess. Owing to the fact that the justices had had only one brief conference for the discussion of the opinions which they had severally prepared during the recess the announcement of decisions was postponed until next week, when opinions will probably be handed down in a large number of cases. The court was engaged merely upon routine business.

The subcommittee of the House Committee on Ways and Means were in session several hours on Wednesday to hear arguments from parties interested in various bills pending before the committee affecting internal revenue taxation. Paul Leichter, of Milwaukee, and James Cushing, of Chicago, were the principal speakers. Cushing is president of the United States Sugar Maker's Association and is in opposition to Representative Carlisle's bill, which promises to repeal the law authorizing the manu-

The House Committee on Foreign Relations gave a hearing Wednesday night, at the residence of Representative Kasson, to Captain S. M. Phelps, an advocate of the bill, introduced in the Senate.

Mr. Miller, of California, and afterward in the House by Representative Roosevelt, to liquidate the Nicaragua Maritime Ship Canal Company. Captain Phelps claimed that official surveys made by Government officers showed that the project was entirely feasible, and adduced comparisons, based on actual tonnage, of the Suez Canal and the estimated tonnage which would gravitate to the new route intended to show that the canal would prove to be a profitable investment. He also

General Sherman and Major-General Hancock were before the House Committee on Military Affairs by invitation Wednesday. Several bills providing for the compulsory retirement of officers of

be army after they have reached a certain age are now pending before the committee, and they desired to ascertain the views of prominent officers on the subject of taking the age limit down. In an informal discussion of the subject war had been mentioned, which both General Sherman and General Hancock expressed themselves in favor of compulsory retirement, but not as proposed by any of the pending bills. They thought cases might arise where officers of high rank would be able to render valuable service beyond the period

The bill introduced in the House by Representative Pound, "to establish a board of review of pension and bounty land-warrant claims rejected

Under existing laws, and to prevent fraud and injustice in the granting of pensions and bounty land warrants, "provides for the creation of a board, to consist of three lawyers and one surgeon, to be appointed by the President for a term of four years, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum, who, with the Commissioner of Pensions, shall determine all claims for pensions and bounty land-warrants of the classes mentioned. It also authorizes the Commissioner of Pensions to detail from the clerks in his office

not exceeding nine for each State, as examiners, empowered to administer oaths and take testimony, who shall facilitate the investigation of claims in their respective localities. The bill provides for the investigation of cases where there is any reason to suspect a person has been fraudulently obtained and prescribes penalties for giving any false testimony in any case under investigation by the board.

Mr. Kellogg introduced in the Senate on Wednesday a regulation for an association for edu-

Whereas the prosperity and happiness of the people, the preservation of liberty and of a republican form of government are dependent upon mental discipline and the gradual diffusion of knowledge, which in their turn depend upon the education of the masses of the community; and

Whereas the preservation of the National Government, republican in form, is as much dependent upon the education of the people as is that of

Whereas, if Ignorance is an evil, the means for its removal should be most strongly directed where that evil is most extensive, especially since illiteracy and poverty exist together, while wealth and intelligence go hand in hand. Therefore, That it is the duty of the General Government, in self-defense and for self-preservation, to provide the means necessary whenever the people of the States, as such, are unable or would be disproportionately burdened by the taxation

And be it further resolved, That the Committee on Education and Labor be instructed to report as an early day a bill, with suitable safeguards to secure its prompt consideration and application, giving the appropriations of such sums as may be so deemed, when combined with the revenues derived from local taxation and the income from local funds, sufficient to give to all the children, of whatever race or color, in all the States

The Star-Route Indictments.

of the work, and all the indictments will be presented in open court during the present week. The present grand jury will be discharged for the term on Saturday next, and all the indictments must be ready by that time. There are about fifteen of these indictments. Some have already been presented. Indictments will be presented every day until the term is completed. The indictments in the cases against General Brady will be reserved for the last, and will be ready on Friday or Saturday.

An Anti-Monopolist Elected.
SARATOGA, N. Y., March 1.—A. B. Havens, Anti-Monopolist, is elected in the place of the late Senator Wagner. His estimated majority in Saratoga County is 600, and 1,000 in the entire Eighteenth Senatorial District.
